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**From:** Myers, Craig  
**Sent:** Fri 8/7/2015 2:11:58 PM  
**Subject:** Gold King Mine Update

FYI.

**From:** Ackerman, Joyce  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 8:09 AM  
**To:** McComb, Martin; Hestmark, Martin; Cristiano, Gina; Ostrander, David; Dhieux, Joyel; Myers, Craig  
**Subject:** Update from Hays 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. update from Hays:

Flow from the mine is now controlled but is still discharging to Cement Creek. The plan is to build a pond today to contain it. There is plenty of caustic soda and flocculent on-site to provide treatment once the pond is built.

Hays is going to "ground-truth" whether the 1200 gpm is the correct flow number or not.

He is driving past Silverton now on his way to Durango and says the Animas River is clearing up. It is cloudy but no longer red, so that is good news.

Joyce

**From:** McComb, Martin  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:57 AM  
**To:** Ackerman, Joyce  
**Subject:** FW: Quick Timeline

See below.

**From:** Hestmark, Martin  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:51 AM  
**To:** McComb, Martin  
**Cc:** Dhieux, Joyel; Cristiano, Gina; Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** Re: Quick Timeline

Marty Can we find out whether Hayes has the gold king discharge diverted to treat? Is it still flowing at 1200 gpm and is it yellow and are we setting up to divert and treat?  
Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2015, at 7:48 AM, McComb, Martin <[McComb.Martin@epa.gov](mailto:McComb.Martin@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Joan,

This is what I can pull together on short notice. I hope it helps, let me know if you would like us to flesh this out more.

M

8/5/15

Blowout Occurs (10:30am)  
Safety of On Site Personnel is Secured  
State, County, City and Tribe are Notified  
Downstream Water Intakes are Notified  
EPA Issues First Press Release  
EPA Begins Sampling  
Plume Reaches Silverton

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EPA Stand Up REOC  
HQs, R6 and R9 are Notified  
Animas is Closed to Recreational Users  
Durango Treatment Plant is Secure per Reports from Water Program  
Plume Reaches Durango

EPA Deploys Additional OSC, ASPECT, Personnel

EPA Issued PolRep

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ASPECT Flyover  
Sampling and Monitoring Data is Available